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SUBJ: RESIGNATION OF JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSIONER

1. JAPANESE NEWSPAPER QUOTE MAINICHI UNQUOTE HAS REPORTED THAT JAEC COMMISSIONER EIZO TAJIMA HAS TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, TAJIMA IS RESIGNING IN PROTEST AGAINST POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF PRESENT JAEC CHAIRMAN MORIYAMA. MENTIONED AS TRIGGERING THE RESIGNATION IS RECENT APPOINTMENT OF TATSUOKI MIYAJIMA WHICH APPARENTLY WAS RECOMMENDED BY MORIYAMA WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH OTHER COMMISSIONERS. ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT TAJIMA WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT MORIYAMA WAS NOT GIVING ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION TO SAFETY MATTERS IN HIS PROMOTION OF NUCLEAR POWER.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: TAJIMA IS PART-TIME JAEC COMMISSIONER WHO IS ALSO DEAN OF SCIENCE DEPT OF RIKKYO UNIVERSITY. HE WAS APPOINTED TO JAEC IN SEPT 1972. ACCORDING TO INFO AVAILABLE AEC SCIREP, TAJIMA IS SOMEWHAT LEFT WING ORIENTED POLITICALLY AND REPORTEDLY WAS APPOINTED AS A COMMISSIONER BECAUSE HE WAS ACCEPTABLE TO JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY. CHAIRMAN MORIYAMA AND RECENTLY APPOINTED MIYAJIMA ARE

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BOTH STRONGLY RIGHT WING POLITICALLY. THEREFORE, IN VIEW

OF ANTI-NUCLEAR POWER POLICY OF OPPOSITION PARTIES, IT
IS PROBABLE THAT THEY WILL USE THIS ISSUE TO FURTHER
THEIR ATTACK IN DIET BOTH ON MORIYAMA AND ON NUCLEAR
POWER PROGRAM.
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